

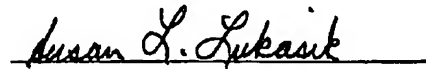
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004 in the above captioned matter, please enter the following response.

REMARKS

1. In the above-captioned Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Schenk (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0201611). These rejections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

2. The Interview with the Examiner on February 18, 2005 is appreciated.

3. Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Schenk. Although Schenk appears to describe a metal substrate 14 with an elastomeric bead disposed